CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor O'Connor– present	Duer – present	Evans – present
McFadden – absent	Mertz – present	Stewart - present

City Officials Present: Randy Pierce, Greg Stallman, Jared Ogbourne, Dan Scott, Scott Atzen, John Dostart, John Shaw, Chad Quick, Andy Lent, Patti Murray, Jeff Bierl, and City Attorney Dariann Garrison-Nickerson.

Audience Present: Phyllis Murphy, Barb Hulen, Kim Kennedy, Jerry Baker, Olivia Kennedy, Rhylee Kennedy, Joe Shepherd, and Herb Phillips.

2. **Perfecting and approval of the agenda.**
Mayor O'Connor requested agenda be approved as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Duer _2_ Evans _A_ McFadden _Y_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

3. **Approval of April 6, 2026, Budget Minutes and April 6, 2026, Council Minutes.**
Roll Call Vote:
_Y_ Duer _2_ Evans _A_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

4. **Citizens request to address council. - None**

5. **Presentation of Life Saving Awards to Officer Hulen and Officer Smith.**
Mayor O'Connor with assistance from Chief Stallman, presented the Life Savings Awards.

6. **Presentation and swearing in of Sergeants Justin Edwards and Tyler Palmer.**
Mayor O'Connor with assistance from Chief Stallman swore in Sergeants Edwards & Palmer.

7. **Public Hearing to consider plans, specifications, and form of contract for Townsend Watershed Improvements Phase 3.**
City Engineer John Dostart stated this is the third phase of the Townsend Watershed Improvement project. This phase will dredge the large pond behind the Townsend House. Bids were received for this project on April 9, 2026. Iowa Earth Works of Huxley, Iowa, submitted the only bid of $1,387,550. The Engineer's estimate is $1,463,780. The design engineer is recommending accepting their bid.
Hearing opened at 6:43pm
Comments: None
Hearing closed at 6:43pm

8. **Resolution to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for Townsend Watershed Improvements Phase 3.**
Councilmember Mertz motioned approval subject to attorney's review.
Roll Call Vote:
_2_ Duer _Y_ Evans _A_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

9. **Resolution to approve the contract and bond for Townsend Watershed Improvements Phase 3.**
Councilmember Duer motioned approval subject to attorney's review.
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _A_ McFadden _2_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

10. **Resolution making award of the contract for Townsend Watershed Improvements Phase 3.**
Councilmember Duer motioned approval subject to attorney's review.

Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _A_ McFadden _2_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

11. Public Hearing for adopting The City of Altoona's FY2027 Annual Budget for the year ending June 30, 2027 (Tax Rate 10.75097).
Finance Director Andy Lent stated The City of Altoona must hold a public hearing prior to the resolution adopting the fiscal budget that will start on July 1, 2026, to hear public comments on the budget. Notice for the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on April 10, 2026. The city levy rate remains virtually the same at $10.75097 per $1000 of taxable valuation.
Hearing opened at 6:45pm
Comments: None
Hearing closed at 6:45pm

12. Resolution adopting The City of Altoona's Annual Budget for the year ending June 30, 2027, (Tax Rate 10.75097).
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _A_ McFadden _2_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

13. Consider Consent Agenda
- **a) Allow Bills**
- **b) Pay Apps**
  - **B1) Pay App #11 – DCI Group Inc. – Altoona Fire Station - $470,850.12.**
  - **B2) Pay App #3 – Story Construction Co. – Water System Improvements 2024 - $27,000.00.**
  - **B3) Pay App #7 – Sternquist Construction – 9th Street NE Reconstruction Project-Phase 2B Rise - $74,563.34.**
  - **B4) Pay App #7 – OPUS – Sam Wise Youth Complex - $111,036.50.**
  - **B5) Pay App #1 – Price Electric – Altoona Phase 2 Fiber Development - $50,801.06.**
- **c) Set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Altoona City Hall to consider granting a Electrical Easement to Mid-American Energy at 567 31st Avenue SW in Wayside Acres (Altoona).**
- **d) Resolution accepting Public Improvements (Reilly Construction Co., Inc.).**
- **e) Resolution accepting Warranty Deed, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement, and Permanent Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement (Marco Properties LLC).**
- **f) Resolution accepting Warranty Deed, Permanent Public Utility Easement, Permanent Detention Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement and Temporary Construction Easement (Marco Properties, LLC.).**
- **g) Resolution accepting Warranty Deed, Permanent Public Utility Easement, Permanent Detention Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Detention Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement (I-80 Business Park II, LLC.).**
- **h) Resolution accepting Warranty Deed, Permanent Public Utility Easement, Permanent Detention Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Drainage and Storm Sewer Easement, Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement (Marco Properties, LLC).**
- **i) Set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Altoona City Hall to consider FY2026 Budget Amendment.**
- **j) Consider Event Request -**
  - **1) National Night Out – PD – August 4, 2026, Sam Wise Youth Complex.**
- **k) Beer and Liquor Permits**
  - **1) Johnnys Italian Steakhouse – Class C Retail Alcohol License (LE)**
  - **2) Caseys #1938 – Class E Retail Alcohol License (LE)**
  - **3) Caseys #6 – Class E Retail Alcohol License (LE)**

Roll Call Vote:
_2_ Duer _Y_ Evans _A_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

14. Department Head Reports & Updates

The following gave updates: Police Department–Greg Stallman, Fire Department-Jared Ogbourne, Public Utilities-Dan Scott, Public Works–Scott Atzen, Engineering-John Dostart, Community Development–John Shaw, Economic Development-Chad Quick, HR-Patti Murray, IT-Jeff Bierl, Finance–Andy Lent, City Administrator–Randy Pierce.

15. General Business

16. Adjourn at 7:00pm

Roll Call Vote:

_Y_ Duer _2_ Evans _A_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-0)

Attest to: _____ _____

Randy Pierce, City Clerk **Dean O'Connor, Mayor**